

VERTICAL

Victoria

CATALOGUE NUMBER 1308.2

24 APRIL 1989



Australian
Bureau of
Statistics

MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS
VICTORIA, APRIL 1989

INQUIRIES Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made by telephoning Information Services on Melbourne (03) 615 7000; for advice on the interpretation of these statistics ask for Dinny Jaconis.

This publication provides the latest available information on a wide range of business indicators. In a number of cases the information is provisional and may be revised in subsequent issues. For more comprehensive data and explanations of series included refer to the following publications issued by the ABS.

ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0) (quarterly) (\$7.50)

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia (6312.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

Overtime, Australia (6330.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) (monthly) (\$12.00)

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (6401.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin (6407.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (6408.0) (monthly) (\$3.25)

BUILDING

Building Activity, Australia (8752.0) (quarterly) (\$11.50)

Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

RETAIL TRADE

Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

Information Paper: Introduction of Improved Monthly Retail Trade Statistics (8511.0)

PRODUCTION

Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria (1303.2) (\$7.50)

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (9303.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

BANKS

Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria (1303.2) (\$7.50)

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (5609.0) (monthly) (\$7.50)

OVERSEAS TRADE

Exports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables (5432.0) (\$7.50)

Imports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables (5433.0) (\$7.50)

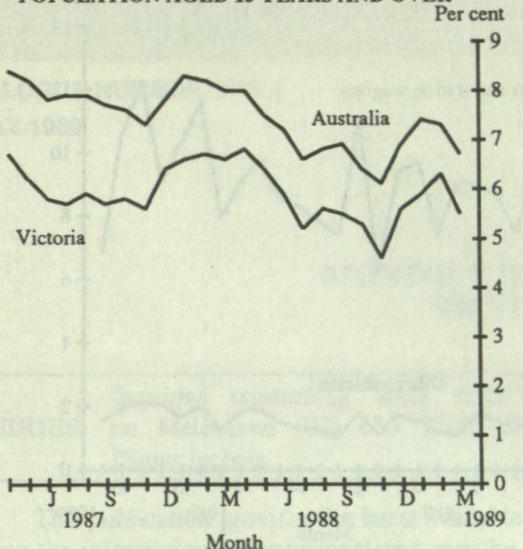
DICK CROCKETT
Deputy Commonwealth Statistician

MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS, VICTORIA, APRIL 1989

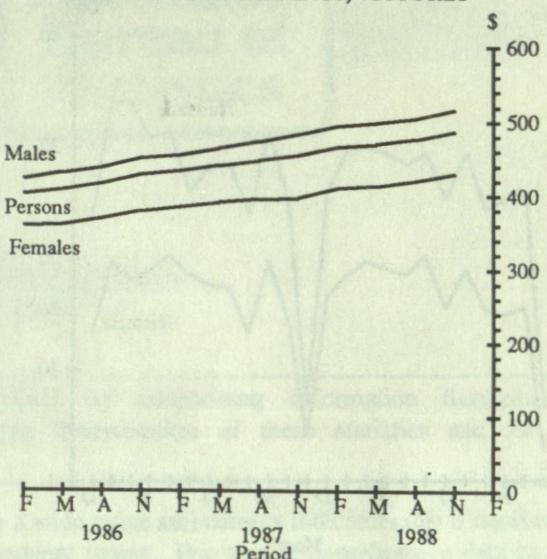
| Indicator | | Latest period | Latest figure | Figures for preceding three periods | | | Figure one year ago | Change over year per cent | Latest Aust. figure | Change over year Aust. per cent | |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | | | | One period | Two periods | Three periods | | | | | |
| LABOUR FORCE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed persons | - full-time | '000 | Mar 89 | 1,615.6 | 1,611.4 | 1,591.6 | 1,627.7 | 1,574.1 | 2.6 | 6,081.1 | 3.3 |
| | - total | '000 | Mar 89 | 2,025.7 | 2,003.8 | 1,957.4 | 2,034.3 | 1,957.4 | 3.5 | 7,638.3 | 3.7 |
| Unemployed persons looking for work | - full-time | '000 | Mar 89 | 84.8 | 101.5 | 90.8 | 86.3 | 102.2 | -17.0 | 416.5 | -15.5 |
| | - total | '000 | Mar 89 | 117.1 | 135.8 | 122.8 | 121.0 | 139.1 | -15.8 | 546.1 | -15.0 |
| Labour force | | '000 | Mar 89 | 2,142.8 | 2,139.6 | 2,080.3 | 2,155.3 | 2,096.5 | 2.2 | 8,184.4 | 2.2 |
| Participation rate | per cent | | Mar 89 | 63.7 | 63.7 | 62.0 | 64.3 | 63.3 | 0.6 | 63.1 | -0.3 |
| Unemployment rate | per cent | | Mar 89 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 6.6 | -16.7 | 6.7 | -16.3 |
| Job vacancies | '000 | | Feb 89 | 21.2 | 19.5 | 18.1 | 18.6 | 16.3 | 30.1 | 72.5 | 17.3 |
| Overtime worked per employee | hours | | Feb 89 | 1.52 | 1.56 | 1.45 | 1.54 | 1.50 | 1.3 | 1.41 | 5.2 |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time adult ordinary time earnings - | \$ | Nov 88 | 487.00 | 475.90 | 469.30 | 465.50 | 454.10 | 7.2 | 484.90 | 7.7 | |
| Males | \$ | Nov 88 | 516.60 | 504.40 | 498.30 | 493.90 | 482.80 | 7.0 | 512.70 | 7.4 | |
| Females | \$ | Nov 88 | 429.20 | 420.10 | 412.20 | 409.30 | 396.60 | 8.2 | 426.80 | 8.9 | |
| All employees total earnings | \$ | Nov 88 | 429.60 | 417.00 | 414.90 | 414.40 | 408.50 | 5.2 | 430.10 | 7.0 | |
| Males | \$ | Nov 88 | 503.30 | 486.30 | 483.50 | 476.30 | 473.10 | 6.4 | 505.20 | 7.5 | |
| Females | \$ | Nov 88 | 333.40 | 324.60 | 322.70 | 326.70 | 318.10 | 4.8 | 328.70 | 7.2 | |
| CONSUMER PRICES (a) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Food | index | Dec qr 88 | 182.3 | 179.5 | 174.0 | 167.7 | 164.9 | 10.6 | 177.9 | 9.7 | |
| Clothing | index | Dec qr 88 | 177.5 | 171.2 | 170.3 | 163.3 | 163.6 | 8.5 | 176.0 | 7.4 | |
| Housing | index | Dec qr 88 | 204.5 | 193.7 | 189.1 | 186.8 | 183.9 | 11.2 | 199.7 | 14.5 | |
| Household equipment & operation | index | Dec qr 88 | 181.1 | 178.6 | 176.8 | 174.7 | 173.1 | 4.6 | 181.8 | 6.1 | |
| Transportation | index | Dec qr 88 | 181.3 | 181.1 | 180.8 | 180.2 | 181.4 | 0.0 | 191.7 | 2.7 | |
| Tobacco & alcohol | index | Dec qr 88 | 201.9 | 201.9 | 199.1 | 195.6 | 190.1 | 6.2 | 206.0 | 5.2 | |
| Health & personal care | index | Dec qr 88 | 192.6 | 192.6 | 190.8 | 185.8 | 177.7 | 8.4 | 181.5 | 7.8 | |
| Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100) | index | Dec qr 88 | 163.7 | 161.1 | 160.4 | 158.6 | 152.7 | 7.2 | 161.9 | 8.3 | |
| All groups | index | Dec qr 88 | 186.2 | 183.0 | 180.4 | 177.1 | 174.5 | 6.7 | 186.2 | 7.7 | |
| RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc) | \$m | Jan 89 | 1,581.3 | 2,330.3 | 1,732.4 | 1,636.2 | 1,450.1 | 9.0 | 6,157.3 | 11.0 | |
| PRODUCTION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clay bricks | million | Dec 88 | 30.3 | 42.3 | 36.8 | 37.3 | 34.4 | -11.9 | 161 | 11.0 | |
| Ready mixed concrete | '000 cu.m | Dec 88 | 338 | 345 | 378 | 372 | 266 | 27.1 | 1,267 | 6.0 | |
| Plastics & synthetic resins (b) | tonnes | Dec 88 | 36,325 | 42,166 | 44,791 | 41,557 | 37,499 | -3.1 | 56,339 | -5.0 | |
| Textile floor coverings | '000 sq.m | Dec 88 | 3,042 | 3,540 | 3,316 | 3,465 | 2,814 | 8.1 | 3,655 | 9.5 | |
| Cars & station wagons | '000 | Dec 88 | 13.1 | 19.7 | 18.1 | 19.0 | 15.5 | -15.5 | 23.8 | -5.3 | |
| Yams - Cotton | tonnes | Dec 88 | 707 | 830 | 794 | 952 | 797 | -11.3 | 1,629 | 3.2 | |
| - Wool | tonnes | Dec 88 | 1,312 | 1,556 | 1,500 | 1,521 | 978 | 34.2 | 1,737 | 21.6 | |
| Woven fabric - Cotton | '000 sq.m | Dec 88 | 911 | 1,371 | 1,592 | 1,979 | 1,309 | -30.4 | 2,395 | -7.2 | |
| - Woollen(incl worsted wool) | '000 sq.m | Dec 88 | 399 | 584 | 561 | 515 | 460 | -13.3 | 676 | -12.8 | |
| - Man-made fibres | '000 sq.m | Dec 88 | 6,414 | 7,585 | 7,543 | 7,450 | 6,461 | -0.7 | 13,931 | 6.6 | |
| Electricity | million kWh | Dec 88 | 2,928 | 2,999 | 3,098 | 2,727 | 2,897 | 1.1 | 11,623 | 5.5 | |
| OVERSEAS TRADE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Imports | \$m | Jan 89 | 1,328.3 | 1,172.3 | 1,430.1 | 1,365.2 | 1,017.2 | 30.6 | 4,477.2 | 52.8 | |
| Exports (excl. re-exports) | \$m | Jan 89 | 685.0 | 771.6 | 702.1 | 677.7 | 787.8 | -13.0 | 3,482.5 | 0.3 | |
| BUILDING | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Approvals - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New houses | No. | Feb 89 | 3,032 | 2,580 | 2,889 | 3,273 | 2,284 | 32.7 | 10,866 | 16.9 | |
| New other residential building | No. | Feb 89 | 92 | 184 | 387 | 324 | 356 | -74.2 | 3,678 | 5.3 | |
| Value of all building | \$m | Feb 89 | 527.6 | 502.2 | 730.5 | 687.6 | 380.9 | 38.5 | 2,070.0 | 7.8 | |
| Commencements - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New houses | No. | Dec qr 88 | 9,240 | 8,310 | 7,330 | 6,720 | 7,230 | 27.8 | 34,970 | 32.2 | |
| Value of new houses | \$m | Dec qr 88 | 763.9 | 652.0 | 557.0 | 520.2 | 523.1 | 46.0 | 2,680.7 | 54.0 | |
| New other residential buildings | No. | Dec qr 88 | 782 | 1,263 | 1,034 | 1,298 | 1,061 | -26.3 | 11,398 | 63.6 | |
| Value of new other residential buildings | \$m | Dec qr 88 | 41.7 | 69.5 | 54.4 | 73.1 | 54.6 | -23.6 | 660.0 | 92.9 | |
| Value of non-residential building | \$m | Dec qr 88 | 950.2 | 709.2 | 1,053.8 | 593.8 | 726.7 | 30.8 | 3,473.6 | 31.3 | |
| Value of all building | \$m | Dec qr 88 | 1,881.9 | 1,545.1 | 1,773.4 | 1,291.9 | 1,409.4 | 33.5 | 7,241.4 | 43.1 | |
| Work done in period | \$m | Dec qr 88 | 1,762.2 | 1,618.9 | 1,464.7 | 1,321.8 | 1,408.8 | 25.1 | 6,927.1 | 24.4 | |
| PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| House building (1985-86=100) | index | Jan 89 | 126.3 | 124.9 | 124.6 | 123.4 | 114.7 | 10.1 | 126.5 | 11.2 | |
| Other than house building (1979-80=100) | index | Jan 89 | 212.1 | 210.9 | 210.2 | 208.1 | 194.0 | 9.3 | 215.7 | 8.7 | |
| NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cars & station wagons | No. | Jan 89 | 8,321 | 12,500 | 14,441 | 11,169 | 8,456 | -1.6 | 38,354 | 29.2 | |
| Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles) | No. | Jan 89 | 6,800 | 10,566 | 12,271 | 9,102 | 7,391 | -7.9 | 30,079 | 20.9 | |
| Motor cycles | No. | Jan 89 | 1,521 | 1,934 | 2,170 | 2,067 | 1,065 | 42.8 | 8,275 | 72.4 | |
| BANKS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period | \$m | Dec 88 | 23,401 | 22,526 | 21,977 | 22,587 | 20,731 | 12.9 | 67,628 | 17.7 | |
| Major trading - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current deposits | \$m | Dec 88 | 6,883 | 6,390 | 6,187 | 5,730 | 5,708 | 20.6 | 22,129 | 15.4 | |
| Fixed deposits | \$m | Dec 88 | 8,921 | 9,112 | 8,743 | 7,880 | 7,689 | 16.0 | 33,528 | 16.8 | |
| Advances | \$m | Dec 88 | 17,401 | 17,108 | 17,034 | 16,301 | 15,110 | 15.2 | 54,365 | 11.8 | |
| Debits to customers' accounts (d) | \$m | Dec 88 | 39,993 | 35,272 | 35,565 | 34,579 | 35,189 | 13.7 | 191,609 | 39.5 | |
| HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secured commitments to individuals - | \$m | Jan 89 | 453.6 | 585.2 | 644.2 | 528.9 | 286.5 | 58.3 | 1,651.2 | 46.8 | |
| Savings banks | \$m | Jan 89 | 340.4 | 449.1 | 483.3 | 396.2 | 210.2 | 61.2 | 1,175.4 | 55.5 | |
| Trading banks | \$m | Jan 89 | 36.1 | 44.4 | 52.4 | 37.0 | 24.2 | 49.2 | 198.2 | 55.9 | |
| Permanent building societies | \$m | Jan 89 | 45.3 | 61.2 | 75.2 | 67.6 | 33.7 | 34.4 | 190.6 | 6.9 | |
| Other lenders | \$m | Jan 89 | 31.7 | 30.6 | 33.2 | 28.1 | 18.4 | 72.3 | 86.9 | 37.1 | |
| ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e) | \$m | Sep qr 88 | 1,551 | 1,786 | 1,426 | 1,716 | 1,437 | 7.9 | 6,006 | 10.0 | |
| Manufacturing | \$m | Sep qr 88 | 545 | 790 | 592 | 626 | 591 | -7.8 | 1,630 | -4.2 | |
| Finance | \$m | Sep qr 88 | 532 | 486 | 425 | 541 | 414 | 25.8 | 1,733 | 34.5 | |
| New building and structures | \$m | Sep qr 88 | 547 | 553 | 402 | 537 | 440 | 24.3 | 2,311 | 17.8 | |
| Other new capital equipment | \$m | Sep qr 88 | 1,004 | 1,233 | 1,024 | 1,179 | 997 | 0.7 | 3,695 | 5.7 | |

(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering only.
 (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

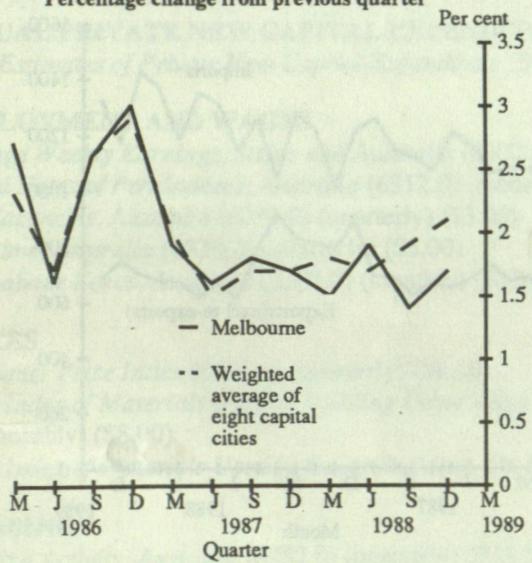


FULL-TIME ADULT AVERAGE WEEKLY ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS, VICTORIA

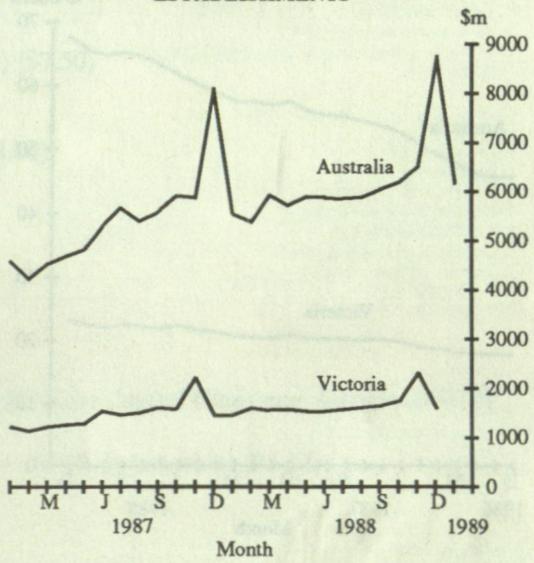


3

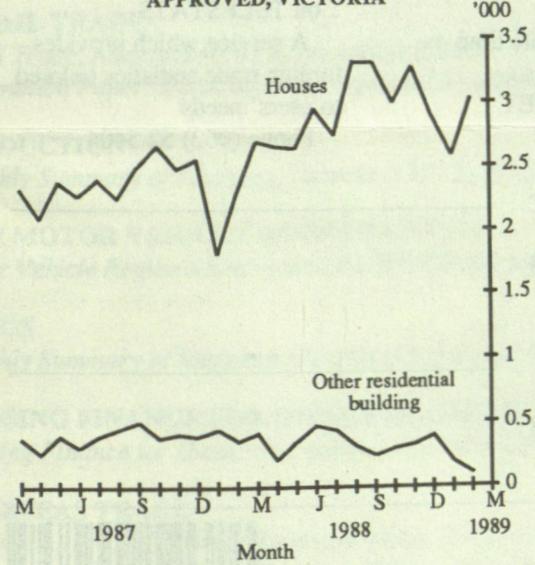
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS
Percentage change from previous quarter



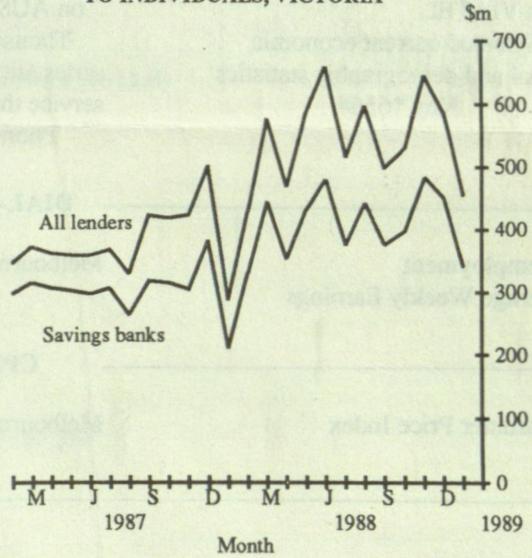
TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS



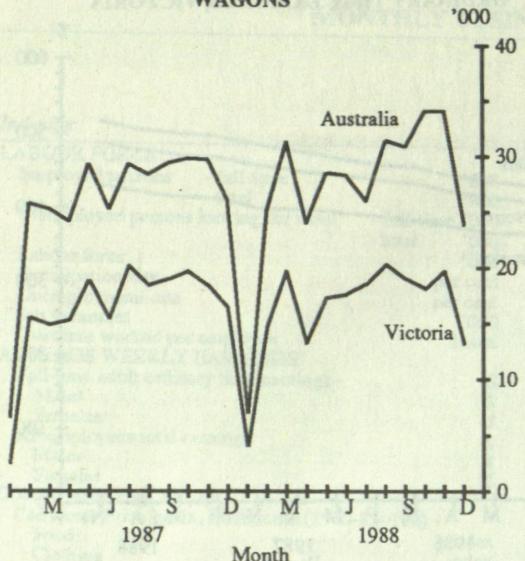
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, VICTORIA



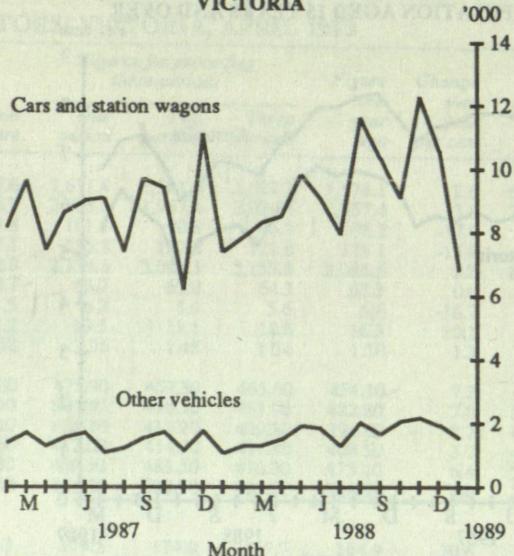
SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS, VICTORIA



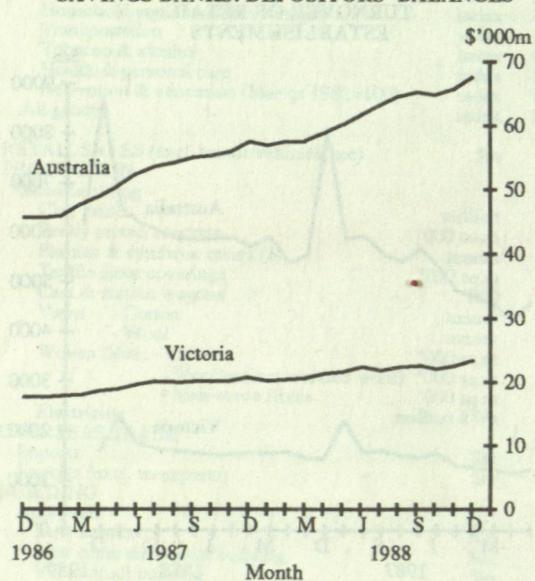
PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION WAGONS



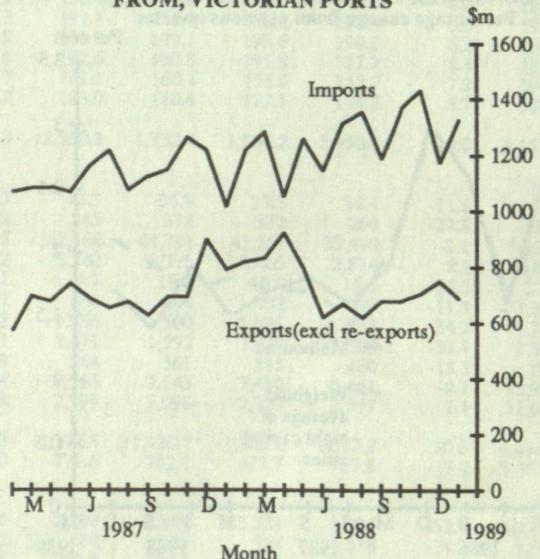
NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, VICTORIA



SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES



VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS



ABS ELECTRONIC SERVICES

. on VIATEL

Selected current economic
social and demographic statistics
Key *656#

. on AUSSTATS

Thousands of up-to-date time
series are available on this
service through CSIRONET
Phone (062) 52 6017

. on TELESTATS

A service which provides
foreign trade statistics tailored
to users' needs
Phone (062) 52 5404

DIAL-A-STATISTIC

Unemployment
Average Weekly Earnings

Melbourne (03) 615 7788

Consumer Price Index

Melbourne (03) 615 7777

CPI HOTLINE

